

ROMANS: PART 70
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Israel Will Be Saved
Romans 11:11-32

The Context: Has The Word of God (to save the Jews) failed? Rom 9:1-5

1. Ans. #1: No, God Never Determined To Save All Jews. Rom 9:6-24
2. Ans. #2: No, God Never Said He'd Save All Jews. Rom 9:23-33
3. Ans. #3: No, the Jews Failure To Believe Was Their Own Fault. Rom 10:1-21
4. Ans. #4: God's Rejection Of The Jews Is Only Partial. Rom 11:1-10

Answer #5: God's Rejection Of The Jews Is Only Temporary. Rom 11:11-32

God Has Not Rejected The Jews Forever. Romans 11:11-17

1. Question #2: Is God's rejection & hardening of His people beyond recovery (forever)?
NO! *It is temporary not permanent.* Vs 11a
2. God's Historical **Pattern of Blessing**. Vs 11b-12
 - ◆ First: Thru Israel's fall ⇒ The Gentiles received salvation.
 - ◆ Second: Thru Gentile salvation ⇒ Jews made envious leading to *fullness*, IE salvation
 - ◆ Third: Thru Israel's spiritual restoration ⇒ The World receives *greater riches*
3. Paul's place in this **pattern of blessing** as a minister to the Gentiles. Vs 13-14
 - ◆ He glorifies (δοξαζω doxazo, i.e. doxology) his ministry. Why? Because he is allowed a limited part in the salvation of the Jews.
 - ◆ He never takes his eyes off the Jews.
4. Explanation of Israel's future *fullness*. Vs 15-17
 - ◆ Thru Israel's transgression, rejection ⇒ Gentiles received *riches, reconciliation, salvation*
 - * The Gospel was first taken to the Jews (who mostly rejected it) -- then to Gentiles.
 - * See Mt 8:11f; Mt 21:1ff (cf vs 43) Rom 1:16. Acts 13:46; 18:6; 28:28.
 - * Jewish rejection in Jerusalem (Acts 4,5,7,9) ⇒ Gentile salvation (Acts 8)
 - * This same pattern occurred in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13), Iconium (Acts 14), Lystra (Acts 14), Thessalonia (Acts 17), Berea (Acts 17), Ephesus (Acts 19)
 - ◆ Thru Gentile salvation ⇒ The Jews will experience *acceptance, life from the dead*.
 - * There will be a future revival back to Christ among the Jewish people!
 - * It will be so catastrophic it can only be likened to new *life out of death*. Cf Mt 21.
 - * This will occur because of God's covenant with Abraham (holy firstfruits & holy root)
 - * IE. Because Abraham was *set apart* by God -- his people were *set apart* for God
 - * See: Boice, Stott, Murray, Sproul, Godet, Hodge, Haldane, Morris, etc.

Paul's Allegory of the Olive Tree Concerning Israel's Future Blessing. Rom 11:17-24

1. The Olive Tree represents the true people of God. Saved people.
 - ◆ Natural branches: Most Jews haven't believed in Jesus -- cut off from spiritual blessing.
 - ◆ Wild branches: Some Gentiles have believed in Jesus -- entered into those blessings.
2. A warning to Gentiles. Vs 17-22
 - ◆ Don't boast: Gentiles contribute *nothing* to the salvation process. True religion did not come from us, it came thru the Jews (Jn 4:21-22; Rom 1:18-32)
 - ◆ Fear God: You are saved through faith alone...God will spare no one who fails to believe
 - ◆ Consider God's character: *kindness* to those who continue in faith. *Severity* to those who don't.
3. A promise to Jews. Vs 23-24
 - ◆ God is able to re-graft Jews into the olive tree (when they stop persisting in unbelief)
 - ◆ God is ready & willing to re-graft Jews back into their own tree!
 - ◆ God is going to re-graft Jews back into their own tree! Vs 26.

Paul's Explanation of the Divine Mystery. Rom 11: 25-32

1. A mystery in the New testament is not a secret known only to the initiated. A mystery is a previously hidden revelation, now made known. Vs 25a
 - ◆ Full knowledge is conducive to humility
 - ◆ If Christian Jews & Gentiles understand their position *vis-a-vis* one another there won't be pride
2. Israel's hardening is partial. Vs 25b.
3. Israel's hardening is temporary. Vs 25c.
4. Israel's future salvation is coming. Vs 26-27.
 - ◆ "Israel" = Jews. Not the nation-state or the Church. This is the way "Israel" is employed throughout the Romans 11 text.
 - ◆ "All" = the majority of Jews. Not necessarily every single Jewish person.
 - ◆ "Saved" = Justified. Delivered. Turn godlessness away. Take away sins.. Isa 59:20; Jer 36:33
5. Israel's future hope is based upon the character of God. Vs 27-32.
 - ◆ The Covenant promises God made. Vs 27 (Jer 36:33).
 - ◆ His irrevocable electing grace. Vs 28-29.
 - ◆ His undeserved mercy to the disobedient. Vs 30-32.

Application.

1. Recognize. Gods program is only & always: Salvation thru *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*.
2. Consider. *You* must be born again. Rom 11:15; John 3:1ff; Jn 11:1-44.
3. Think. There is only one people of God. Not two. Those Jews who will be saved are joined to God's only people: The Church, the *true Israel*. Eph 2:^%
4. Think: Gods promise to Israel is for *salvation*, not a Jewish geo-political kingdom!
5. Repent. Gods salvation is only for those who realize they have been *disobedient*
6. Believe. God saves on the basis of *mercy* alone.